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MASSACHUSETTS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, NH State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, and Hollis Police Chief Richard Darling announced that Louis DiFazio, Jr., 48, of Massachusetts, pleaded guilty to committing the April 27, 2005 robbery of the Bank of America in Hollis, New Hampshire. DiFazio had been charged by a grand jury on May 11, 2005. He pleaded guilty after jury selection in the trial that began December 6, 2005.

Under the agreement reached with the United States, Mr. Difazio will be sentenced to ten years if the court accepts the plea agreement after reviewing a presentence investigation report

DiFazio pleaded guilty to robbing the bank in the early afternoon of April 27, 2005. DiFazio, wielding what appeared to be a small handgun, jumped over the teller's counter and screamed that he wanted the money from their teller drawers. He left the bank a little under one minute later with more than \$21,000.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The Department of Justice is dedicated to investigating and prosecuting violent criminals. This office will continue to work with law enforcement agencies at all levels to remove these threats to public safety from the streets. This case is an excellent example of the good results that can be obtained when federal, state and local officials work together towards a common goal."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Hollis Police Department, and the New Hampshire State Police participated in the investigation of this case. U.S. Attorney Colantuono expressed his appreciation for the cooperative effort by these agencies in locating and capturing the defendant. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.